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SUBJECT: **Staff Report and Recommendation on a Contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments to Fund BCDC Assistance in Developing of a Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Workshop**
(For Commission consideration on November 5, 2015)

Summary

The staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute a contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to provide up to \$15,000 over several months to the Commission for its staff costs to provide services in support of ABAG's development of a six-hour workshop to be given at the American Planning Association's California Conference. The Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) requested that ABAG's Resilience Program and BCDC's Adapting to Rising Tides Program staff teams adapt material that they had developed and been presenting to the region in a series of workshops entitled *Bay Area Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Planning* and turn it into a day long workshop. FEMA provided the funds to ABAG and this proposed contract provides ABAG the tool to pay for the BCDC staff costs associated with developing the workshop. The staff also recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to amend the contract as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.

Staff Report

Background. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is a recipient of funding from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to adapt work that ABAG's Resilience Program developed with the Commission's Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) Program to assist local jurisdictions in the Bay Area with integrating hazard mitigation and climate adaptation planning. Over the last nine months, ABAG and BCDC have been working together to integrate hazard mitigation and climate adaptation and have been presenting this work to local jurisdictions in a series of meetings around the Bay Area. This effort, entitled *Bay Area Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Planning*, brought ABAG's Resilience Program and BCDC's ART Program together to develop processes, methods and tools to assist local jurisdictions and organizations in designing plans and implementation approaches that address mitigation and adaptation in more integrated manner.

This contract will support the Commission's ART Program staff to developing a workshop for the American Planning Association's California Conference designed for an audience of land use, transportation and natural area planners. The workshop will define resilience to natural hazards, identify strategies to assess and reduce risk, highlight how to address climate adaptation and hazard mitigation and integrate these issues into existing local plans and processes, and will identify how to engage the public and stakeholders in the process through engagement exercises and activities.

The work conducted under this contract also directly builds upon and supports other ongoing and completed ABAG and BCDC separate and collaborative projects aimed at understanding and responding to the risks faced by the region due to current and future flooding and earthquakes. These projects include the ART Program projects in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, ART Program Resilience Studies in Hayward and Oakland/Bay Farm Island, the *Safer Housing, Stronger Communities* project and the 2017 update to Plan Bay Area. Accordingly, staff recommends that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to: (1) execute a contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments to provide up to \$15,000 over several months to the Commission for its staff costs to provide services in support of developing a six-hour, FEMA funded workshop on resilience for the American Planning Association's California Conference; and (2) amend the contract, as long as the amendment does not involve substantial changes in either the scope or amount of the contract.